

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing.

1. (Currently Amended) Device for the transport of metallic work pieces, ~~in particular during a heat treatment with~~comprising: a transport device; ~~and a carriage movable horizontally~~transverse to the transport direction; ~~characterized in that the transport device is carried by a rack for carrying the transport device that is movable relative to the carriage; whereby~~in the transport device is float-mounted in relation to the carriage.
2. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the float-mounting of the transport device is formed by a number of elastic bearing elements located between the transport device ~~on the one hand and the rack on the other hand~~.
3. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that the bearing elements consist~~comprise preferably of a molded element made of rubber.
4. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims~~ 3, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the molded element ~~are~~is respectively equipped with a locking plate made of metal, ~~preferable made of steel on the~~on a rack side and ~~the~~on a transport device side.
5. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims~~ 3, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the molded element is equipped with further comprises at least one liner plate made of metal, ~~preferably made of steel~~.
6. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims~~ 5, ~~wherein~~characterized in that the locking plate ~~or the~~ liner plate is vulcanized on or in the molded element.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims 1~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the transport device is a heat-insulated and gas and/or vacuum tight transport chamber.
8. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims~~ characterized in that a transport device in form of a transport chamber is equipped with claim 1, further comprising: a clamping device for forming a vacuum-tight seal when connected with a corresponding clamping device on ~~the~~ a matching module.
9. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 8, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the clamping device is formed from at least two clamping devices that are movable relative to the transport chamber that engage in a bracing position in abutments formed at the matching module.
10. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the Claims 8 or 9~~, characterized in that wherein the clamping devices can be rotated.
11. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the Claims 8 to 10~~ 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the clamping devices can be moved or twisted hydraulically, pneumatically and/or electrically.
12. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the Claims 8 to 11~~ 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the clamping devices are equipped with clamps at the matching module end.
13. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the Claims 8 to 12~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the abutments formed at the matching module correspond in form to the clamps.

14. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~one of the previous claims 1, wherein~~  
~~characterized in that~~ the transport chambers on the an adapter side are equipped  
with a seal, ~~preferably in form of an O-ring.~~
15. (Newly Added) Device according to claim 4, wherein the locking plate is  
vulcanized on or in the molded element.
16. (Newly Added) Device according to claim 14, wherein the seal comprises  
an o-ring.